

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed February 15, 2004. Claims 16-19, 22-33 and 36-44 are pending in the application, claim 16 having been amended herein. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 has been amended herein in a manner to correct a minor typographical error and to correct an indefiniteness issue.


In view of the amendments made to the claims herein, it is respectfully submitted that any indefiniteness issue relating to claim 16 have been overcome.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 16-19, 22-33 and 36-44 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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